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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6132

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

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AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, LE

SUBJECT: STRIKE BY OIL TRANSPORT DRIVERS CAUSES GASOLINE  
SHORTAGE

1. BECAUSE OF VIOLENCE IN TRIPOLI, OIL TANK TRUCK  
DRIVERS HAVE REFUSED TO DELIVER OIL FROM TRIPOLI  
REFINERY SINCE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5. CURRENT  
STORAGE IN ADDITION TO PRODUCTION FROM MEDRECO REFINERY IN SIDON  
CAN MEET DEMAND FOR THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS.  
OIL MINISTRY BELIEVES THIS IS SUFFICIENT UNTIL  
TANKER DUE TO ARRIVE THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 WITH  
ANOTHER THREE TO FIVE DAYS'S SUPPLY.

2. IF TRANSPORT DRIVERS CONTINUE TO STRIKE, THE  
MINISTRY IS CONSIDERING LIFTING OIL FROM TRIPLI  
BY BARGE OR POSSIBLY USING TANKER DUE TO ARRIVE  
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SEPTEMBER 12 AFTER IT IS UNLOADED. MINISTRY IS

NOT NOW CONSIDERING RATIONING BECAUSE IT HOPES CRISIS  
WILL END SHORTLY TO ALLOW RESUMPTION OF NORMAL  
SUPPLY.

3. COMMENT: BECAUSE EARLIER CRISES INVOLVED  
VIOLENCE IN BEIRUT, WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR 55PCT OF  
COUNTRY'S CONSUMPTION, DEMAND FOR GASOLINE PRODUCTS  
DROPPED. HOWEVER, THIS TIME VIOLENCE HAS INTERRUPTED  
DELIVERIES FROM TRIPOLI, WHICH PRODUCES ABOUT 75PCT  
OF COUNTRY'S GASOLINE, BUT DEMAND HAS CONTINUED AT  
NORMAL RATE IN BEIRUT.  
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